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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

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Budget Session of 1101.

Wednesday, the *13th of Karkadagam 1101.* = *28th of July 1926.*

The House re-assembled in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on the 13th of Karkadagam 1101 corresponding to the 28th of July 1926, the President being in the Chair. All the members, except Messrs. K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, K. Sankaran Nambutiri and H. J. Walmesly, were present.

President.—We shall, as usual, commence the proceedings of the day with Questions and Answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The test applied in selecting Panchayats for investing with civil powers.

41. Mr.K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention what is the test applied in selecting Village Panchayats for investing with civil powers?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The satisfactory discharge of the administrative functions, distance from the Munsiffs' Courts and the volume of litigation from the villages constituting the Panchayats.

The investiture of the Vadama Panchayat with civil power.

42. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to invest the Vadama Panchayat with civil power which is of great necessity there, since a great deal of mercantile transactions are going on in the jurisdiction of the above Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The question of investing certain additional Panchayats with judicial powers is under the consideration of the Government, and the case of the Vadama Panchayat will be taken up with that.

Insufficient grant to Panchayats.

43. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state —

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